

Nordic Academic and Clinical Cancer Collaboration

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Haematological Malignancies

Nordic Lymphoma Group (NLG)

Cancer type: Lymphoid malignancies

Participants: Finland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark

Focus: Clinical and molecular research, population data from national quality registries

Key activities: Nordic multicentre trials, treatment protocols, shared guidelines

Website: <https://www.nordic-lymphoma.org>

Nordic Myeloma Study Group (NMSG)

Cancer type: Multiple myeloma

Participants: Norwegian, Swedish, Icelandic, Finnish, Estonian, Lithuanian, and Danish clinical/hospitals

Focus: Clinical trials and evidence-based treatment strategies

Key activities: Coordination of Nordic clinical trials (phase II and III), contribution to national treatment guidelines

Website: <https://www.nordicmyeloma.org/about>

Nordic MDS Group (NMDSG)

Cancer type: Myelodysplastic syndromes

Members: All Nordic countries

Focus: Clinical and translational research, educational activities

Key activities: Collaborative clinical studies, harmonisation of diagnostic and therapeutic approaches

Website: <https://www.nmds.org/>

Nordic AML Group (NAMLG)

Cancer type: Acute myeloid leukaemia

Members: Clinicians and basic and translational scientists in the Nordic countries

Focus: Foster excellence in research and clinical care

Key activities: Conducting Nordic trials, supporting exchange of patient material and research expertise, preparing of Nordic guidelines for diagnostics and clinical care

Website: <https://www.namlg.org>

Nordic CLL Study Group

Cancer type: Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia

Members: All Nordic countries

Focus: facilitate CLL research and treatment strategies, spread education

Key activities: Multicentre clinical trials with spin-off experimental research on disease biology and epidemiology, population-based real-world outcome studies and registry-based research

Website: <https://www.nordic-ctl.org/>



Breast cancer

Nordic Breast Cancer Network (NBCN)

Cancer type: Breast cancer

Members: formal collaboration between the national breast cancer groups (NBCG, SweBCG, DBCG, FBCG, IceBCG) in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Iceland

Focus: revive and strengthen Nordic collaboration in clinical research

Key activities: clinical trials and registry-based and epidemiological research, harmonisation of clinical guidelines, education and networking for clinicians and researchers

Website: <https://bpno.dk/events/nordic-breast-cancer-network/>



Lung and Thoracic Cancers

Nordic Thoracic Oncology Group (NTOG) Symposium

Cancer type: Lung cancer and thoracic malignancies

Members: network of lung cancer researchers and clinicians representing Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden

Focus: enhance lung cancer research and optimize patient care, supporting patient associations, and striving for high-quality education

Key activities: multidisciplinary clinical trials and translational research, pooling patient populations enabling statistically sound research

Website: <https://ntog.org/>



Neuro-Oncology (Brain Tumours)

Scandinavian Neuro-Oncology (SNOG)

Cancer type: Primary brain tumours

Participants: symposium for Scandinavian scientists and clinicians

Focus: bring together experts from multiple disciplines to share cutting-edge research, initiate new collaborations, and advance brain tumour therapy

Key activities: collaboration and exchange of experiences, translational neuro-oncology, harmonisation of treatment approaches

Website next symposium: <https://dcccbraintumor.dk/news/snog-northern-lights-neuroscience-symposium-2026-save-the-date/>



Sarcoma

Scandinavian Sarcoma Group (SSG)

Cancer type: Bone and soft-tissue sarcomas

Members: physicians and scientists from the Scandinavian countries

Focus: advance the care of patients with sarcoma and to increase knowledge of all aspects of the tumour biology, including basic and clinical research

Key activities: multidisciplinary sarcoma collaboration, population-based registry, clinical studies and standardized treatment protocols

Website: <https://www.ssg-org.net/>



Gynaecological Cancers

Nordic Society of Gynaecologic Oncology (NSGO)

Cancer type: Ovarian, endometrial, cervical and other gynaecologic cancers

Members: the Nordic countries with Lithuania & Estonia as associate members

Focus: advance communication between in gynaecological cancer research between Doctors, Professors, Young Doctors and academic Study Nurses.

Key activities: clinical research and multicentre clinical trials, translational and outcome research, Standards of Care for women with gynaecological cancer, Nordic Guidelines for professional education and training in gynaecological oncology

Website: <https://nsgo.org/>



Gastrointestinal Cancers

Nordic-European Initiative on Colorectal Cancer (NordICC)

Cancer type: Colorectal cancer

Participants: Norway, Poland, Sweden and the Netherlands.

Focus: Clinical research and treatment optimisation: randomised trial in investigating the effect of colonoscopy on colorectal cancer incidence, outcomes and mortality

Website: [NordICC - The Nordic-European Initiative on Colorectal Cancer - Institute of Health and Society](#)

Nordic Early Rectal Cancer (NERC)

Focus: A dedicated bi-annual forum focused on the multidisciplinary management of early rectal cancer

Key activities: platform for gathering leading experts from surgery, radiology, pathology, oncology, and interventional endoscopy to foster collaboration, innovation, and in-depth discussions in early cancer care

Website: <https://www.nerc.no/>

Nordic Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association (HPB) / Nordic Liver Cancer Association (NOLCA)

Cancer type: Hepato-, biliary and pancreatic cancers

Members: Denmark, Finland, Norway and Sweden representing the Nordic chapter of the International Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary Association IHPBA

Focus: stimulate interaction as well as rendering state-of-the-art knowledge including the invitation of experts in the various fields

Activities: increase knowledge and research activities, involving both clinical, surgical and translational research, multidisciplinary collaboration, joint Nordic HPB & liver cancer meetings

Webpage: <https://www.nordichpb.com/>



Endocrine and Neuroendocrine Tumors

Nordic Neuroendocrine Tumor Group (NNTG)

Cancer type: Neuroendocrine tumors (NENs)

Members: Sweden, Denmark, Norway - operates in collaboration with the European Neuroendocrine Tumor Society (ENETS)

Focus: Clinical studies and development of consensus guidelines for gastroenteropancreatic (GEP-NEN) and lung neuroendocrine neoplasms (lung-NEN)

Key activities: conduct retrospective and prospective studies to evaluate treatment outcomes for advanced and high-grade NENs, Nordic clinical trials strategies, imaging techniques and treatment modalities

Website: info at <https://ous-research.no/net/>



Skin Cancer

Nordic Melanoma Meeting (NMM)

Cancer type: Melanoma

Participants: Nordic countries and leading melanoma scientists from around the world

Focus: multicentre clinical trials and treatment optimisation

Key activities: offers a combination of talks by invited Nordic and international speakers and abstract sessions where researchers can present their work

Website: info at [Nordic Melanoma Meeting 2023 | University of Iceland](#)

Nordic Dermatology Association

Cancer type: Dermatological diseases including skin cancers

Focus: clinical and professional collaboration, facilitate research funding possibilities for Nordic research projects and enhance Nordic research collaboration

Key activities: knowledge exchange across dermatologic oncology, sponsors Nordic courses in Dermatology contributing to increasing communication and cooperation between Nordic dermatologists

Website: [Nordic Dermatology Association |](#)



Paediatric Oncology

Nordic Society for Paediatric Haematology and Oncology (NOPHO)

Cancer type: Paediatric leukaemia's, lymphomas, brain tumours and solid tumours

Members: Nordic countries and Baltic region

Focus: the goal to increase survival for children with cancer. comprehensive clinical trials and treatment protocols, for all active doctors and nurses, both clinically and research-wise

Key activities: partner for the organisation of clinical care for children with cancer as well as a hub for all aspects of childhood cancer research, advanced and modern childhood cancer care and treatment, long-term follow-up and survivorship research

Website: <https://www.nopho.net/>

Nordic Childhood Cancer Predisposition Network

Cancer type: Paediatric

Focus: Advance collaboration and research on childhood cancer predispositions in a way that will benefit patients and families

Key activities: improve and standardize testing and care amongst Nordic countries as well as together with our global partners, advance assessment of genetic variants, design of surveillance guidelines, research on pharmacogenetics, genetic counseling, and psychosocial evaluation

Website: [Nordic ChiCaP – Research Collaboration](#)



Prostate and Urologic Cancers

Scandinavian Prostate Cancer Group (NPCG)

Cancer type: Prostate cancer

Members: Finland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden

Focus: improve information about diagnosis, treatment, and prognosis

Key activities: Clinical research, Nordic clinical trials, treatment strategies, share current literature and the results of research, registry-based outcome studies

Website: [Scandinavian Prostate Cancer Group](#)

Nordic Urothelial Cancer Oncology Group (NUCOG)

Cancer type: Bladder and urothelial cancers

Members: Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Finland, Iceland

Focus: facilitates and coordinates research cooperation within the Nordic countries regarding clinical trials in bladder cancer and urothelial cancer of the upper tract

Activities: Nordic epicentre of bladder cancer studies focusing on collaboration and support of clinical trials, patient-reported outcomes research

Website: <http://north-reg.nu/>

Swedish and Norwegian Testicular Cancer Group (SWENOTECA)

Cancer type: testicular cancer/germ-cell cancer

Members: Sweden and Norway - collaboration with Iceland and Cologne

Focus: binational group of physicians focused on ensuring patients with testicular cancer optimal diagnosis, treatment and survivorship

Key activities: provides multidisciplinary, comprehensive management programs for staging, treatment and follow-up of testicular germ-cell cancer, network of colleagues and quality assurance at a population-based level

Website: <https://www.swenoteca.org/>



Cross-Cutting Nordic Structures

Multiple cancer types and professions

Nordic Cancer Union (NCU)

Scope: All cancer types; basic, translational, clinical, epidemiological research

Role: Umbrella organization for Nordic cancer societies; major funder of Nordic collaborative cancer research

Key activities: Competitive grants for Nordic multicentre projects (≥ 3 Nordic countries), strategic research initiatives, Hosts **NORDCAN** cancer statistics database

Website: <https://ncu.nu/>

NORDCAN

Scope: Cancer incidence, mortality, survival and prevalence statistics

Role: Research infrastructure that contains comparable cancer statistics for the Nordic countries, covering long time periods, central to Nordic collaboration

Hosted by: IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer) in collaboration with Nordic cancer registries

Website: <https://nordcan.iarc.fr/en>

Association of Nordic Cancer Registries (ANCR)

Scope: Cancer epidemiology, methodological and population-based research

Members: National cancer registries of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden

Key activities: the cooperative organ for the national cancer registries of the Nordics, harmonisation of registry data, joint Nordic studies on incidence, survival, screening, trends

Website: <https://www.fhi.no/en/cancer/ancr/about-ancr/>

Nordic Network for Palliative Medicine

Diagnoses: palliative medicine including advanced cancer across diagnoses

Members: Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Iceland, Greenland, Faroe Islands

Focus: novel network for palliative care and symptom management research

Website: info at <https://www.legeforeningen.no/foreningsledd/spesial/norsk-forening-for-palliativ-medisin/aktuelt/2025/nnpm/>

Nordic Molecular Tumour board (NMTB)

Members: (Iceland, Finland, Sweden, Norway and Denmark)

Focus: Independent, academic collaboration between health care professionals and academics in the Nordic countries with an interest in early phase oncology trials.

Key activities: NMTB organises monthly meetings. Create a network and infrastructure for clinicians to facilitate cross-border referrals for such trials and early access programs.

Increase awareness of the Nordic region as an attractive region for conducting clinical trials through interaction with public and private partners. Facilitate knowledge to overcome barriers for regulatory approval and site activation in clinical trials.

Website: <https://nordicmtb.no/>

Nordic Society of Medical Radiology

Diagnoses: agnostic

Members: federation of societies of medical radiology in Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden

Focus: promote the development of medical radiology, imaging, diagnostics, and screening

Key activities: communication of scientific results and other activities to promote development of modern radiology

Website: <https://nordicradiology.eu/>

Research administration and support infrastructures

NorForsk

Participants: national research councils, universities and other research-funding bodies. Nordic cooperation involves Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden as well as the three autonomous areas, the Faroe Islands, Greenland and the Åland Islands.

Scope: organisation under the Nordic Council of Ministers that provides funding for and facilitates Nordic co-operation on research and research infrastructures

Website: <https://www.nordforsk.org/>

Nordic Trial Alliance (NTA)

Scope: project with the aim to facilitate clinical research co-operation in the Nordic region and focus on multi-centre clinical trials, based on established national networks for clinical research, funded by the Nordic Council of Ministers and NordForsk

Website: <https://www.nordictrialalliance.org/>

Nordic Trial Connect

Members: independent collaboration between research support organizations across the Nordic countries

Scope: strengthen collaboration between clinical research infrastructures, harmonize and optimize clinical research support, reduce workload for clinicians and study personnel to facilitate more clinical research, foster scientific excellence, and ensure patient safety in clinical trials – best practice

Key activities: strategic and operational collaboration, both academic and industry-initiated clinical studies, sharing experiences and new opportunities, competence enhancement through digital seminars and workshops

Website: info at www.norcrin.no



NordicPedMed

Members: Nordic national networks FINPEDMED & IcePedMed, NorPedMed, DanPedMed via Trial Nation, SwedPedMed and the memberships of these European Enpr-EMA

Scope: to help meet the therapeutic needs of children by facilitating development of new medicines and medical devices and other advanced therapies for the paediatric population.

Key activities: provides benefits to sick children by offering opportunities for early access to new promising treatment options in a safe and controlled way in clinical trials

Website: <https://nordicpedmed.com/>

Nordic Proof

Members: hospitals, municipalities, and research institutions across the Nordic region

Scope: network of professional and efficient public health care test sites that actively contributes to business development in the Nordic healthcare sector

Key activities: facilitate testing of ideas, products or solutions with quality and expertise, offers one initial entry point for contact with the test facility partners, structured access to leading Nordic health institutions and testing hubs in the Nordic countries

Website: <https://www.nordicproof.org/>

Nordic University Hospital Alliance (NUHA)

Members: the five leading Nordic university hospitals

Scope: collaboration between centres of excellence to drive research, introduce innovation, and treat the most complex patients

Key activities: improving care pathways across borders, sharing outcomes, expertise, and best practices, conducting joint research and clinical innovation, contribute to healthcare policy

Website: <https://www.nuhalliance.eu/>

Nordic Pandemic Preparedness Modelling Network

Members: Denmark, Norway, Finland, Sweden

Scope: advance research, training, and education in infectious disease modelling by fostering cross-sector collaboration between academia, government agencies, and policy stakeholders

Key activities: webinars to share knowledge and foster dialogue, scientific meetings to connect leading Nordic researchers, hands-on workshops simulating pandemic response scenarios, support for summer schools in statistical and modelling methods

Website: info at <https://www.fhi.no/en/id/the-nordic-pandemic-preparedness-modelling-network/about-the-the-nordic-pandemic-preparedness-modelling-network/>

Nordic Monitoring Network (NORM)

Participants: everyone working within the field of monitoring and quality assurance of academic clinical trials with medicinal products in the Nordic countries

Scope: mapping monitoring units and organizing a system of coordinated monitoring of trials with medicinal products in the Nordic countries

Key activities: coordinated monitoring of multinational trials in the Nordic countries, share knowledge and experience, offer audits, help establishing new monitoring units

Website: info at <https://nordicnetworks.org/networks/nordic-monitoring-network/>